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BSNL PRE-PAID SIM CARD
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of pending applications for subscribing to the BSNL pre-paid Sim Card in the country especially in Bihar, as on date, location-wise;

(b) the time by which these Sim Cards will be made available to the applicants;

(c) the reasons for the non-availability of Sim Cards to the applicants so far; and

(d) the steps taken/being taken by the Government to provide Sim Cards on demand?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, 11237 applications are pending in Tripura Secondary Switching Area (SSA) as on 25.02.2008 in North East Telecom Circle Service Area for providing pre-paid Global System for Mobile Communications (GSM) connections. Pre-paid GSM connections are available on demand in all the remaining Licensed Service Areas of BSNL.

(b) to (d) BSNL has already initiated action to provide these 11237 connections by 31.03.2008 subject to verification of identity of applicants. There is no shortage of SIM cards and the same are being provided to applicants progressively after verification of their identity.